GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb ISI activities in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring out a white paper on the activities of ISI in the country;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be published; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The Government is aware that ISI of Pakistan is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country.

In order to deal with the situation, Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out-posts of security forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.

(b),(c)&(d): Various aspects pertaining to a White Paper on ISI activities in India are presently under consideration of the Government.